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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND PACKAGING METHOD THEREOF

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 7-22567, published January 24, 1995.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 9-17910, published January 17, 1997.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 8-504036, published April 30, 1996.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 6-53393, published February 25, 1994.
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 7-38240, published February 7, 1995.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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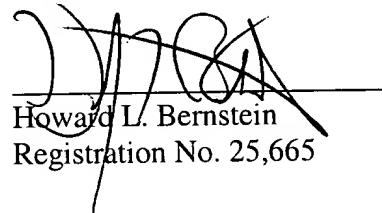
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Japanese Office Action dated January 7, 2003 with an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cite such documents and indicate the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

#### **OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

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(Regarding Claims 1 through 12) Cited Literature 1 through 5

A semiconductor device subjected to first resin seal packaging having a mounting region and a testing region as stated in Cited Literature 1 through 4, for example, is found to be publicly known.

Moreover, second resin packaging after the mounting of a semiconductor device that has been subjected to first resin seal packaging is found to be customary among members of this industry, as indicated in Reference to Document 5.

List of Cited Literature

- 1: Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H7-22567
- 2: Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H9-17910
- 3: Published Japanese Translation of a PCT Application H8-504036
- 4: Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H6-53393
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